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## School Board approves giving stipends to all teachers in the district

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education had told teachers during negotiations on their contract that if the district had extra funds at the end of the year it will share the money with the teachers.

On Monday, the school board approved School Supt. Michael Van Tassel's recommendation to divvy up \$250,000 among all the teachers who were on duty the first day of the school year until Monday, April 22. It will be divided equally after taxes and other deductions are taken out, he said.

There are 296 teachers currently employed by the district, according to Shonta Langford-Green, Director of Human Resources. Since there are several parameters, no one at the Administration Building was willing to suggest a per-teacher number for the stipend on Tuesday morning.

Supt. Van Tassel told the board this was a one-time only stipend.

Teachers took the hardest hit in budget cuts, a total of 7% pay cut, he said.

He said giving them this stipend is, "... the right thing to do." Van Tassel said two years from today the Governor wants to cut deeper, but this year the teachers can get something.

"In negotiations we said we would give back if we have any funds," said Board Treasurer Sherry Frazier. "By doing this we show we will do what we say we'll do."

Frazier said it was too bad they can't do it for all the employee groups.

"The state is beating up on us," she explained.

"I applaud you for making that recommendation and I'm sure all the board members support that," Frazier said to Van Tassel.

This discussion took place during the presentation by Finance Director Karen

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Flame Fighters, in the bright red shirts, beat the Crime Busters, in the bright blue shirts, 25-23, in Friday's basketball game at Belleville High School to benefit St. Vincent DePaul of Belleville. The team members represented fire fighters and police officers from the City of Belleville and townships of Sumpter and Van Buren. One of the baskets for the police was made by Joey Buccelatto, son of Sumpter Police Officer Danielle Buccelatto. Tamara Gage served as announcer; Deacon Pete Cornell was master of ceremonies; Terry Lanboski and Keith Kennedy were referees; and Kristi Faull was scorekeeper. Sam Cumberlund recorded the game so it can be shown on cable. The money raised by the event will go to help the homeless, hungry, and suffering people in the tri-community.

## Distinguished Grads: Halton, McQuaid, Mida, Dunaycazn

Belleville High School invites the public to attend induction ceremonies for the Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates Hall of Fame at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at the BHS Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

BHS students also will be inducted to the National Honor Society during the ceremonies.

Those selected as 2013 Distinguished Graduates of Belleville High School are: Lynn K. Halton, Richard R. McQuaid, Karen Skszek Mida, and Frederick Dunaycazn (posthumous award).

**Lynn K. Halton, Class of 1981:** University of Michigan, B.A. in Political Science / Bowling Green University, M.A. in Higher Education Student Affairs; Member of Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club, Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families, Farmington Youth Assistance, Pledge for Success Community Alliance, UM Alumni Club of Northville, Parent Teacher Association; awarded grants for community projects; associations with various local and global community projects.

**Richard R. McQuaid, Class of 1975:** Western Michigan University, B.S. Communications; Professional Journalist, awarded by the Associated Press, Society of Professional Journalists, MADD, Society for Missing Children, and Mental Health Association for Best TV Feature, Best TV Spot News, among others; Received an Emmy for Outstanding TV Magazine; involved with Little League and football, Nathan's Battle Foundation; a guest lecturer at several colleges.

**Karen Skszek Mida, Class of 1971:** Eastern Michigan, B.S. Elementary Education, Eastern Michigan, M.A. Education Leadership, Marygrove College, M.A. Teaching Arts; School Administrator board member: the Boys and Girls Club, supporter of the Van Buren Foundation, member and secretary of the Community Assistance Foundation; mentor through the Western Wayne Judicial Program; Outstanding Teacher Award; an administrator in Van Buren School District; advisor and mentor at Marygrove College.

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## Bayshore residents need to be creative in using the lake this summer

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Some of the residents in the 96 condominium units at Bayshore are going to have to get creative in finding a way to get their boats into Belleville Lake this summer.

That's what Van Buren Township's Planning and Economic Development interim Director Arthur Mullen told them.

Seven Bayshore residents attended the April 17 meeting of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission to find out the latest on their shore stabilization and boardwalk construction project and proposed docks. The project currently is being held up by requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC].

Mullen said a meeting was held on April 11 with MDEQ, Bayshore representatives, and township officials to see if a workable solution is available to allow for the replacement of docks for the 2013 boating season. They found that is not possible.

"Trust me. I didn't want this to happen," Mullen said. "The residents want to use the lake. There is a lot of worry and fear about it."

He said the residents may be able to move boats around to use about one-third of the docks still intact for this summer, with the plan to be able to use the lake completely next summer.

Mullen said when he was hired in mid-February he was advised that Bayshore was an important issue.

A permitted project to replace the boardwalk in front of the units started last fall, he said.

The township has to give a letter of support to the MDEQ as part of the process and former Director Terry Carroll gave a letter and work began. The work included gabian baskets and boardwalk work as the first phase of the approved project.

Phase two included angle docks, but permission for them to be removed and constructed has to go to FERC for approval because of the dam.

Docks were removed prior to the issuance of a letter and permit. After discussion with the state, all work was ordered to cease until further notice from the state.

Mullen said in 2010, the MDEQ and Bayshore's contractor met at the site and MDEQ clearly told them they need permits for removal and replacement of docks.

The 2011 approval does not include that language, Mullen said. They were trying to get ready for 2013 and the township cannot give an approval letter contrary to FERC.

"As of last week, there's nothing we can do," Mullen said. "We cannot approve a letter that will put us in jeopardy of a



\$10,000 a day fine."

Mullen said FERC said it will make a site visit sometime this summer.

"We can prepare all the documents and present them to FERC," Mullen said, adding construction could start this coming winter and they can have docks for their boating next year.

At issue is FERC's requirement that the township can't allow more than one ten-boat dock on a single family residential parcel without FERC approval. Although residents in the 96 Bayshore family units each have deeds to their properties, FERC seems to be considering the complex eligible for only one dock with 10 slips.

The township is not able to provide Bayshore with the necessary approval letter to allow MDEQ to issue the permit for their dock project until everything is straightened out.

Mullen said the township and the French Landing Dam operator could be liable for significant fines from FERC, like \$10,000 per day.

Trustee Jeff Jahr, who sits on the Environmental Commission, said the situation hasn't really been explained, but township can approve up to 10 docks and then the approval goes to MDEQ and on up to FERC.

"We have no standards," he said. "We have to have standards ... We have to find out the reason for 10 docks..." he said.

Mullen said his understanding is that a lot of parcels near dams are in Appalachia and Out West and the federal laws are made with them in mind.

Mullen said the process involves getting the request to federal and state agencies, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Michigan Historic Preservation Commission, who have 30 days to act on it, and then it goes to FERC. He said he doesn't believe FERC will object.

"As long as we're happy they're happy," Mullen said of FERC. "It's about

a six-month review by FERC. It's not handicapping anything, but it's a longer process. The rule was developed when the dam was established."

Bayshore is in a cove in the west end of Belleville Lake, six miles from the dam, and residents said their docks wouldn't interfere with dam operation.

Tom Buckley, Bayshore president, said Mullen and Supervisor Linda Combs have been excellent to deal with and their efforts are appreciated.

He said FERC caught Bayshore on their "blind side" in considering the complex as "single-type residential." He said each unit has a parcel number and all 96 family units have one wall in common.

He said two years ago they hired a contractor to stabilize the shoreline. There are 12 buildings and the whole project was to stabilize the banks and the boardwalk and the docks became a secondary issue. He said it has been 30 years since the complex was built.

He said in the beginning they couldn't seek a permit for the docks because there was no design yet. So, no permit application was made.

MDEQ permitted 2,050 feet of shoreline stabilization for the whole cove, Buckley said. He said they talked to the contractor and came up with uniform dock designs and changed the bylaws to put the association in ownership of the docks rather than each individual unit.

"Everything was on their desk but the letter of authorization from the township. It was the only thing missing," Buckley said.

Mullen complimented Bayshore for planning for a uniform look on the docks, which is good for the township.

"We appreciate your efforts and apologize for what's happening," Mullen said. "We hit the wall for this year and I want to get it done for next year."

One of the Bayshore residents pointed out Bayshore is not a marina and not renting

out any dock space. There are limitations to marinas on a lake.

"I want to make sure you are not [considered] a marina" so that won't damage Harbour Club around the bay and if the township wishes to have a marina at Van Buren Park, as has been discussed, Mullen said.

"The Belleville Yacht Club is going to be a marina - can't get around it," Mullen said. (In the minutes of the Dec. 19 commission meeting, former Director Carroll said permission for the 20-plus docks for Belleville Yacht Club was issued as a seasonal permit, not requiring an authorization letter.)

Mullen said he has been trying to figure out a way to get boating for Bayshore this summer, "without a bunch of disgruntled boaters coming in and yelling at my boss."

"Ninety-six, to be exact," Buckley said.

At the Dec. 19 meeting of the Environmental Commission, 23 people from Bayshore attended to discuss their problems with getting their docks back in place. It was a raucous meeting and Chairman Brownlee cut off the long discussion when people started talking and asking questions over each other and debating among themselves.

### Lake Ordinance

Also discussed at the April 17 meeting was the Ad Hoc Lake Ordinance Working Committee that was formed in January to put together a lake ordinance. The ordinance was a pressing project due to FERC requirements, court cases, and the need to regulate uses on township-owned lake bottom lands and "gap" lands.

Members of the Environmental Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Trustees serve on the committee.

Once a draft is complete, a group of lake users and lakefront property owners will be invited to provide their feedback to the preliminary draft.

Mullen said this information will be compiled and then larger public meetings will be held prior to the formal adoption proceedings.

"Our lake is big, but not that big," Mullen said, adding that overloading the lake would not be good.

A Bayshore resident said, "If people buy lakefront property, they expect to have a dock."

Trustee Jahr asked if people buy a 20' easement to the lake, are they entitled to put a boat dock in? The committee is considering this, he said.

"This committee is just kicking things around and will come back to this body and the planning commission and township board," Jahr said.

Mullen said they will bring their ideas

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Sumpter considers selling PNA Hall to Belleville Moose

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees held a 30-minute, closed-door session at the end of its agenda on Tuesday. The announced reason for the private meeting was to consider the attorney's opinion on the sale or purchase of real estate.

When the board members came back into open session, they voted unanimously to have the attorney do as directed in closed session – and they adjourned.

That's the official version. We observed members of the audience who usually aren't there – Robert Coutts and Ed Bellers of the Belleville Moose Lodge, along with 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge David Parrott, who said he was there to support the Moose.

After the meeting closed, Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young met with Coutts and Bellers in private conversation.

The Moose has offered to buy the PNA Hall, owned by Sumpter Township, and this was the first step to see if the board was interested. Clerk Clarence Hoffman, who has been dealing with the offer for several months, did not sit with the board for the vote to follow the attorney's recommendation. Wonder why.

The Moose announced early this year that it sold its building on the lake to the BYC. Now, the Moose are looking for a place to buy. If it isn't in Sumpter, it will be somewhere else nearby. There is no date to vacate, but they've got to get a new location.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I got a note by email that "The library is a good place to pick up chicks on April 27." It was referring to the free program "Keeping Backyard Chickens" that will be put on at noon on Saturday, April 27, at the library. There will be chickens on hand.

It follows another free session that starts at 10 a.m., "Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level" with Roman Kurywczak. It's a double feature.

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We received a few posts on our web site asking how the school board can approve the selection of Karen Mida as a BHS Distinguished Graduate when she is telling people she will be suing the district any minute. There is no suit filed yet, as far as we know.

The school board does not select the Distinguished Graduates who are chosen by a committee from nominees submitted by community members. The committee members aren't published because people would be bugging them about their candidates.

Karen was a rising administrator in the district before an incident(s) that is purported to be in the center of the coming law suit.

When I was named a Distinguished Graduate, I'm told I almost didn't get the honor because the committee was split since I was called a "controversial figure."

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My brother Anthony Kuchta, who turned 82 last week, celebrates his birthday the day before his wife's birthday. Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta turned 80 on April 19 and he wanted it to be special. So, he wrote a book for her called, "Our Wonderful



Adventure."

She was delighted when he presented it to her. Tony said he'll send me a copy, too. It's a story in words and pictures of their life together, starting when they eloped after a BHS football game when they were both teenagers. He had already graduated (he was captain of the football team in those days) and she was head of the cheerleading squad.

My brother told me he was going to Angola to get married after the football game and not to tell anyone. In the morning, when both he and Mary Lee were missing, our worried Mom asked me if I knew where they were and I did. They've been married ever since and lived around the world and traveled a lot. They also had eight children. What an adventure.

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I received a call on my answering machine at home about the broken separation between two retention ponds in front of BHS. I went over to look and he was right, it was broken down.

I asked Paul Wills of Plante Moran CRESA about it and he said it's under two-year warranty and will be fixed once the ground dries out.

He said the two ponds work together and are designed for two 100-year floods, where one spills over into the other. He said we just had the first 100-year flood.

There still is work to be done on the landscaping in the pond area, especially

since they just changed the layout to put tables outside, so everything will look nice when they're done, Paul said.


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I've received several calls and emails on the Gleaners situation. About two years ago the Gleaners started delivering food to local people who qualified through what was then South Middle School (now Owen) for the free and reduced lunch program. The school district let the Gleaners' truck use the large area behind 420 Sumpter Road for the monthly distribution. There were more than a dozen local volunteers who helped.

When Gleaners' started, it announced it had a grant that allowed distribution to qualified school families. The grant has run out and Gleaners announced to the 100 or so who came for food last Wednesday that it was the last delivery.

Volunteers gave the upset people the phone number for School Supt. Van Tassel so they could complain. And, they did. Van Tassel called Gleaners on Tuesday and arranged for one more distribution on the third Wednesday in May. His executive assistant Angela said there had been a donation to pay for the May distribution and the school is looking into ways to have it continue.





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## Letters

### Thanks to Sumpter Twp. emergency crews

Dear Editor

The entire West family would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Sumpter Township Fire Department and others who showed up when we needed them last Wednesday.

My husband James fell off our roof on Clark Road and the fire department got here very fast to help. My husband broke his back. One vertebra was compressed and fractured.

We want to thank the orthopedic doctor at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, as well. He did a special surgery on Friday called Kyphoplasty where a balloon was used to raise the broken and crushed vertebra and then it is cemented in place. After the cement dries, it lasts forever.

Two hours after surgery, James was walking. He's at home now and still in a lot of pain, but that is expected to gradually lessen.

We are very grateful for everyone who helped in our time of need.

Beverly West  
Sumpter Township

### BHS sends recruiters to charter school?

Dear Editor

Mr. Van Tassel publicly advised he was afraid of charter schools. He then used hundreds of thousands of dollars of our tax money to tear down Elwell school so a charter school (and for that matter, no other community group) could get a chance to use it. But then he sends recruiters to a charter school?

Signed,  
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### Volunteers needed for 'Reality Check'

Dear Editor

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The Reality Check is a school-to-work experience for area 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This program is sponsored annually by the Belleville Area Women's Club and will be held at McBride on Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The school address is: 47097 McBride, Belleville. There will be approximately 340 students.

The Reality Check is an effort to give students a realistic look at the costs involved in achieving the lifestyle they would like to have. Through this, they will realize the direct relationship between an education, the importance of setting goals, leading a drug-free life and avoiding sex and pregnancy at an early age. We need help assisting the students as they go through the various stations of the program.

For further information or to volunteer contact: Connie Stoelton, co-chair, phone: (734) 424-9066 or email: [lynn38@core.com](mailto:lynn38@core.com) or, Sophia Zoller, co-chair, phone: (734) 697-7379 or email: [sofiazol@comcast.net](mailto:sofiazol@comcast.net).

If you can HELP no matter for how long, one hour or all day, we would appreciate your assistance.

Sophia Zoller, co-chair  
BAWC Reality Check

## Birthday

May 1 – Gloria Pullen

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### Thanks for supporting consignment auction

Dear Editor

I would like to say a VERY BIG THANK YOU to our friends, neighbors, our community, and the surrounding communities for supporting our second-annual consignment auction. We had a great time, made some new friends, saw some old friends we haven't seen in years and the food was great.

Our auctioneers Rollo Juckette and Brad Neuhart Auction Services were, as always, very professional. There was something for everyone. So, mark your calendars for our third-annual consignment auction on the first Saturday of April, 2014.

Need extra money? Clean out your garages, barns. We will auction everything—even your home. But, please no household items, old tires, or junk.

We hope to see you next year and remember: Auctions are a lot of fun.

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 25** – If you're a retailer in the Belleville area you are invited to a free breakfast at the Charhouse restaurant in Belleville from 8:30 to 10 a.m., courtesy of the Michigan Retailers Association. They'll be in town all day. Reserve your spot by calling Susan Andres at 1-800-266-3699.
- **Thursday, April 25** – The African American Book Group will meet at the Belleville Area District Library to discuss "Dark Town Redemption" by Gary Hardwick.
- **Thursday, April 25; Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27** – Belleville High School Drama Department presents "Hairspray" with the sponsorship of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Curtain time is 7 p.m. all three nights.
- **Friday, April 26** – Give a donation to the Canton Lions Club who will be out on Main Street today earning funds to help local people with glasses and hearing aids.
- **Friday, April 26** – Go ice skating with the Walmart Team to earn funds for the June 22 Belleville Relay for Life. The skating is at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 7-8:30 p.m., \$5 each, children 4 and under free. Skate rental \$3. The rink is at 2121 Oak Valley Drive, behind Target in Ann Arbor.
- **Saturday, April 27** – The Belleville Area District Library has two free presentations today, back to back. At 10 a.m., Roman Kuryczak will present "Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level"

and at noon, Lori Willson will present "Keeping Backyard Chickens."

• **Saturday, April 27** – The Belleville Fire Auxiliary is holding a car wash today at the fire hall on Liberty Street to earn money for Autism Awareness. The fire fighters and auxiliary also will be out making boot collections for Autism.

• **Saturday, April 27** – Belleville High School opens its pool to the general public for family swims, 2-5 p.m. Cost \$5 per person. Children must be toilet trained, as swim diapers are not allowed. Only Coast Guard Approved PFDs (life jackets) are allowed.

• **Saturday, April 27** – Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce hosts Road Rally II, starting at 1 p.m. at Edward Jones, 6093 Rawsonville Road. Tickets \$30. Information: 697-7151.

• **Saturday, April 27** – The Belleville Community Chorus invites everyone to join them at 7 p.m. for a musical review of love and love songs through the years. The concert, which is free, will be at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. The music is by the adult chorus and a combined youth and children's chorus.

• **Saturday, April 27** – The Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation will serve a Mexican Fiesta from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School commons, \$7 at the door.

• **Saturday, April 27** – The Yankee Air Museum is holding its ninth annual Italian Bistro Night beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Yankee Air Museum. Tickets are \$35 at the door and less in advance. Call 734-483-4030.

• **Wednesday, May 1** – New exhibit opens at Belleville Area Museum: 100 Years of Boy and Girl Scouts. Admission: \$2 adults; \$1 children. Information, 697-1944.

• **Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4** – Give a donation to the Canton Lions Club who will be out on Main Street in Belleville this weekend earning funds to help local people with glasses and hearing aids.

• **Saturday, May 4** – You're invited to the Belleville Young Life Fun Run/Walk at Van Buren Park, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Race Fees: Adults at \$20, kids under 12 at \$10. Information: 734-732-8857 or 734-252-9395.

• **Saturday, May 4** – Used Book Sale at the Belleville Area District Library. Friends of the Library only from 11 a.m. to noon. General public from noon to 3 p.m.

• **Saturday, May 4** – Sumpter Township residents can take up to 7 passenger tires for recycling from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 23480 Sumpter Rd., all the way in the back. The township in conjunction with Wayne County will also accept electronic drop offs for computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc. Questions: 461-6201.

• **Saturday, May 4** – Everyone is invited to attend induction ceremonies for the Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates Hall of Fame at 2 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. Induction ceremonies for the National Honor Society will be jointly conducted.

• **Sunday, May 5** – A brief ceremony called Bugles Across America honors military fighting now and veterans of past wars at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park on High Street

in Belleville.

• **Monday, May 6** – You can start dropping off donations to St. Anthony Catholic Church's annual rummage sale (set for May 17, 18). Just drop them off at the gymnasium doors. Please, no large items or furniture. 699-6817

• **Thursday, May 9** – Brad Sancho of Original Gravity Brewing Company will speak at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series. Free.

• **Thursday, May 9, Friday May 10, and Saturday May 11** – Buy a poppy from the VFW and PLAV who will be out on Main Street in downtown Belleville collecting money for their good works.

• **Saturday, May 11** – Antiques Appraisal Day, noon – 5 p.m. at Belleville Area Museum to benefit museum. Doug Dalton, auctioneer. \$5 for first appraisal, \$4 additional, \$2 additional small items. Information: 697-1944

• **Saturday, May 11** – If you live in Van Buren Township, you can bring your dog to the Drive-in Dog Clinic behind the VBT Township Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rabies and distemper shots, dog licenses. Information: 699-8909.

• **Thursday, May 16** – A salad luncheon starts at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, Waltz. \$8 donation. To be assured of tickets call Diana: 734-654-6366. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid/LWML

• **Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18** – St. Anthony Church invites you to its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Donors to the sale may start dropping off items at the gymnasium doors as of May 6. Please, no large items or furniture. 699-6817

## Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, April 25 – Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 1 – Van Buren Township Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, May 6 – Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 7 – Van Buren Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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# Bayshore

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to the people to find out what they forgot or left out. He said there will be lots of people helping with getting the ordinance together.

Jahr said the Bayshore issue didn't influence starting work on the ordinance and it was started before Bayshore became a problem.

Mullen said the township is not waiting for approval of this ordinance, which will take four to six months, before making the application for Bayshore.

"The township will proceed with the application ahead of the ordinance," Mullen said.

## Quirk Drain Clearance

The committee also discussed the Quirk Drain clearance project in the area of Ryznar Drive and Denton Road by the South I-94 Service Drive.

Mullen said representatives of the township met with county staff and Matt Best offered to meet with the property owners along the Quirk Drain inlet into Belleville Lake, which he did on April 2. Best suggested the homeowners establish a Special Assessment District to fund the dredging work in their inlet.

Best also recommended the property owners petition the Wayne County Drain Board to complete a repair project at the same time. This work will help to reduce the amount of sediment that flows down the drain during a wet-weather event.

In another matter, Mullen said Ypsilanti Township had VBT representatives over about four weeks ago to talk about their plan of taking out the Tyler Dam to save the cost of maintaining the dam.

The committee discussed the landfills in that area and what contaminants might end up pouring into Belleville Lake.

## Bryan Tarrow graduates from Walsh College

Bryan Tarrow of Belleville graduated from Walsh College in Troy on Sept. 12 with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree.

## Scott LaRiche to address Rotary scholarship winners on May 14

Scott LaRiche, Executive Committee Member of The North American International Auto Show and 2013 President of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, will speak at the May 14 meeting of the Belleville Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club will be hosting its annual Scholarship Night to honor selected graduates of Belleville High School. This is the 68th year that the club has recognized graduates with scholarship awards.

LaRiche, vice president of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, will be addressing the ten student honorees, parents, local dignitaries, Rotarians and guests.

The Scholarship Night festivities will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville starting at 6 pm.

## Kids get a free comic at Belleville Area District Library on May 4

Hey, Kids! Stop by the Belleville Area District Library for your FREE comic on Saturday, May 4. Library hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is at 167 Fourth Street in downtown Belleville.

Comics will be provided by: Canton Comic City, 42727 Ford Road in Canton, (734) 981-3561, at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley Road, one-half mile west of IKEA.

For more information, contact Tara K. McCann, Youth/Teen Services Librarian, 699-3291.

## Antique Appraisal Day set May 11 to benefit Belleville Area Museum

Is it trash or treasure?

The public is invited to gather up their antiques and old items and take them to the Belleville Area Museum for Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, May 11, from noon to 5 p.m.

Doug Dalton of Belleville, who has 30 years experience as an Antique Estate Auctioneer, will appraise items with all appraisal fees to benefit museum programs and events.

The first appraisal is \$5, with each additional small item \$2 each. Large and bulk items are \$4.

See what your treasure is worth. Items may include antique or old toys and dolls, china, glassware, furniture, clothing, documents, sports items, Coca-Cola memorabilia, prints, paintings, and more.

For more information on the event, call Museum Director Katie Dallos at 734-697-1944 or contact her by email at kdallos@provide.net .

Get more information on Doug Dalton at [www.DougDaltonAuctioneer.com](http://www.DougDaltonAuctioneer.com) .

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**Question from Leslie in Huron Township:** I am a single woman buying my first home. What are the negatives and positives of a Home Warranty Insurance Plan? Also, who pays for this Home Warranty, the Buyer or Seller?

**Answer:** A Home Warranty is a form of insurance from the date of Closing (for the Buyer) for one year. Today there are several different coverage plans offered, depending on the price level of the Home Warranty.

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Most often, when a Buyer makes an offer, the Buyer asks the Seller to pay for a Home Warranty. Depending on the age of the home and the components, most Sellers will provide a Home Warranty to insure that the Buyer will not have to pay for unexpected repairs or replacements in the first year of owning the home.

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The service fee is nominal compared to the costs of a major repair or replacement. Getting a Home Warranty offers you a secure protection and peace of mind, since you never know when an appliance, furnace, etc. could break down -- especially if you do not have handy repair skills. Make sure you know the kind of Home Warranty coverage is best suited for your home purchase.

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A crowd gathered in the Belleville Area District Library on Saturday to witness the premiere of a video performance of "Casey at the Bat" by about 50 community members to celebrate National Library Week. Each individual read a line of the baseball poem first published in 1888. The presentation was put together by Hilary Savage, adult services librarian, and can be seen through the library website's link to YouTube. Those present for the premiere showing were treated to refreshments and the first 100 took home a strawberry plant for their gardens.



Madison Paige Letwinski, 13, won the "2014 Great Lakes Regional Dance Masters Teen Miss Dance" title Jan. 27 in Gross Ile. She was judged in ballet, tap, jazz, Acro, interview and a three-minute Lyrical Dance choreographed by Michelle Sypula. Madison studies dance at Sypula's P&P Dance Center in Belleville. Madison will represent Michigan at the Dance Masters of America National Competition this July in New Orleans. Madison is an eighth grader at McBride Middle School and is enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Program. She is the daughter of Kristie and Joe Letwinski of Van Buren Township and is the youngest of four children. Her older sisters are Courtney and Chelsea Hardrick who both are Belleville High School graduates and her brother Drew Letwinski who currently is a junior at BHS.

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Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will hold a used book sale from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, in the program room of the library.

Hard-cover books are two for \$1; large, soft-cover books are two for 75 cents; and fiction paperback books are four for \$1. Children books are buy one get one free.

The door will open at 11 a.m. for Friends of the Library members only. Applications to become a member of the Friends are available at the library.

The Friends encourage readers to do their spring cleaning and donate their books to the library. Books should be in good condition.

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An all-day **Haircut-a-thon** will take place at **Inspirations Hair Salon** this Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the salon, located on Belleville Road next to Big Boy. All the proceeds will go to **Brittany Ivan** of Belleville, who is having her second kidney transplant today, in fact. There will be a bake sale, raffle, 50/50, and other goodies. The salon, which is normally closed on Sundays, will be open just for the event as the employees are volunteering their time to the cause. Call (734) 697-7007 to make a monetary donation or for more info.

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The **Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation** will be holding a **Mexican Fiesta** fundraiser this Saturday April 27, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the **Belleville High School Commons** at BHS. Tickets are \$7. The evening will feature basket raffles, all-you-can-eat menu of tacos, rice, beans, chips and salsa, Piñata for children, face painting, music and door prizes. Proceeds go to grants to the teachers and children of the VB school district.

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**Robson's Greenhouses** on Haggerty Road just north of Tyler, is open for the season,

offering a great selection of annuals, plants, vegetables, posey bags, hanging baskets, patio pots, shade plants, and new for 2013 ... Robson's very own bagged potting soil. Owners **Lynn and Arleen Robson** and family have been operating the business since 1929. They're open at 8 a.m. seven days a week. Call (734) 397-2252 and visit [www.robsonflowers.com](http://www.robsonflowers.com).

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**Belleville Presbyterian Church** on Belleville Road will be holding its **Spring Rummage Sale** this weekend, April 26-27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Items for sale include collectibles, bedding, books, glassware, and tons more. Call (734) 697-8687.

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**Gerry's Small Engine & Equipment Repair** is located in nearby Willis offering expert service on tractors, lawn and garden equipment, small construction equipment, and, of course, push lawn mowers. Pick-up and delivery service is available and they even make house service calls. Call (734) 461-0158.

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**Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** of Sumpter Township is selling tickets to their **Cinco de Mayo Celebration Fundraiser** on May 4 at the Ypsilanti Eagles Hall. Call (734) 461-9458.

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**Bob and Karen Durham** have announced that the spring chicks and bunnies have finally arrived at the **Willis Feed Mill** in Downtown Willis. Call (734) 461-1111.

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*Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.*

## Benefit spaghetti dinner for Wally Steinaway is May 5 at Diamondback

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, at the Diamondback Saloon on the South I-94 Service Drive to benefit Wally Steinaway in his battle with testicular cancer.

Steinaway, 33, is the father of three children and fighting testicular cancer with the help of his family and friends.

Dinner cost is \$7 and there will be a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, raffle for a 32" TV, 2-burner gas grill, and other prizes.

Donations also can be made a giveforward.com and to the Wally Steinaway Cancer Fund at any TCF Bank.

**David C. Brown Funeral Home** has set up a Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel at 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, in the former Katherine Rose Flower and Gift Shop until the funeral home is rebuilt from the fire.

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Gloria Pullen of Van Buren Township was guest of honor at her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday party on April 6 hosted by her children Valerie (Stan) Gondek, Jack (Marsha) Pullen, and Sandra Marlowe. The buffet lunch was at The Creek Bar and Grill in VBT. (Her actual birthday is May 1.) Guests included her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and family from Michigan, Minnesota, Georgia, Colorado, and Florida. The cake was made by The Bake Shoppe in Sumpter and her corsage was by Main Street Flowers in Belleville. Gloria is a veteran of the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She was discharged in December 1945.



## Library presents Saturday speakers on photography, chickens

The Belleville Area District Library is offering two, back-to-back, free presentations on Saturday, April 27, in the library program room.

At 10 a.m. Roman Kurywczak will present "Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level." This program will help take the participants' macro photography to the next level, whether using point-and-shoot or SLR cameras.

Kurywczak will show participants how to achieve consistently sharp macro images with maximum depth of field, all in a single frame. He also will cover gear, settings, and how to overcome distracting backgrounds.

At noon, Lori Willson will present

"Keeping Backyard Chickens." This all-ages program will give basic information on how to get started keeping chickens, from raising chicks to keeping healthy, egg-laying hens.

Willson, an experienced hen-raiser, will answer questions and will have some of her own hens for participants to meet.

The library is at 167 Fourth Street in downtown Belleville, 699-3291. Hilary Savage is Adult Services Librarian.

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# Belleville DDA to join with BYC to add city cleanup to lake cleanup

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Saturday, May 18, is the day set for BYC's annual lake cleanup and this year the City of Belleville will be joining in to encourage a cleanup of the whole business district by volunteers.

At the April 17 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said she had met with the BYC and learned of its lake cleanup date.

Thompson said the DDA will be encouraging business owners throughout the DDA district to clean up their properties and nearby vacant properties on that day to give the whole city a spring spruce-up.

Thompson said there has been little interest lately in the façade program that offers some funds to help upgrade storefronts, so the DDA will be looking at ways to promote that program, as well.

Thompson said since the infrastructure is in place for a vibrant downtown -- referring to the street, streetscape and water main -

- now the DDA will be concentrating on keeping the present businesses in town and attracting new businesses.

Thompson put together a report on the Belleville community plus details on the area within a 15-mile and a 25-mile radius. She prepared documents on other communities and what businesses they have, to use in analyzing the downtown.

She said SEMCOG figures show 14,400 vehicles come through Belleville daily and the question is how to get the drivers to stop and use local businesses.

She said it's not what individuals may want in the city, but about what businesses can succeed here.

Thompson said the parking lots and vacant land along Main Street interrupt the walkability and there are several ways to proceed with that problem.

DDA member Tom Fielder said in the Aerotropolis plans, Belleville is the center point for retail and residential.

"We have to let them know what we have here," Fielder said. "We have been the

center for entertainment and restaurants for some time. With Aerotropolis, a number of people will be coming here who don't live here."

Thompson said there are not as many vacant buildings downtown now, with vacancies down to 5%, but it's about 20% if you include the vacant land.

Fielder said some businesses need more space than the city has and, "If somebody comes and we don't have room for them, we should refer them to Van Buren Township."

"I don't know how anyone could come in and turn a profit," said DDA member James Higgerson, noting construction costs are very high. He suggested a chainstore with funding could afford to develop, such as Hallmark in Canton. "Without a chain, development is cost-prohibitive."

Thompson suggested having a Retailing Visioning Survey to help with retention as well as recruitment, but the DDA wasn't in favor of doing that now.

Instead, the DDA decided to send a letter

to the VBT DDA asking for a joint meeting so the neighboring groups could get together and share information and share marketing on a date to be determined.

Of interest is the Metro-Detroit Asource program that offers information for residents, relocation and businesses for a price that could be shared.

They also want to collaborate with VBT for weed treatment on the Belleville Bridge to make it look nicer.

In other business at the April 17 meeting, the DDA:

- Discussed additional waste receptacles with other kinds of lids. This item will come back to the DDA with more information; and

- Heard a report on the planning commission's progress on the Downtown Overlay District and learned the Sign Ordinance is not yet in final shape for discussion.

# Thunder Over Michigan Air Show rescheduled for August 10-11

The Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport in Van Buren Township has changed its 2013 dates from the original June 15-16 to Aug. 10-11.

The Air Show had first been set for the same weekend as Belleville's Strawberry Festival in order to accommodate the schedule of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, who were to be featured.

But the Thunderbirds' entire 2013 season was grounded by the federal budget sequestration, so promoters decided to move it back to its regular date in August.

The show will feature a stacked lineup of high-profile performers, battle reenactments, and ground attractions.

Proceeds from the event, produced by the Yankee Air Museum, help support the

museum and many other local charitable organizations.

"Early August is what our fans have come to expect for Thunder and we are pleased that we can now move back to our normal dates," said Kevin Walsh, air show director.

"The August dates allow us to secure additional world-class performers, statics, and displays; the weather is historically much better than in June; and there is less conflict with other events then."

The show recently announced the addition of a very rare aerial demonstration by the North American Aviation F-100 Super Sabre. The show also will feature world-renowned civilian aerobatic performer Michael Goulian,

a demonstration by the only single-seat flyable German Me-262 jet in the world, crowd-favorites WWII and Vietnam battle reenactments, two specially-restored Vietnam-era UH-1 Huey helicopters, and a special "Vietnam Homecoming" celebration for Veterans.

With the change in dates, the show will be announcing more lineup additions in the next several weeks. Fans can receive performer updates via social media on Facebook.com/ThunderOverMichigan and Twitter.com/ThunderOverMI or by signing up online for the behind the scenes e-mail list.

"We have just begun releasing what is going to be a very thrilling, unprecedented air show lineup," said Walsh. "We are known as one of the top air shows in the U.S. for a reason, and that is because we always have something new and unusual for our fans to enjoy. I think our fans are going to be especially excited about some of the things we will be announcing in the

next several weeks."

Tickets are now on sale for a discounted price through May 31. General Admission tickets for guests 16 and older are \$25 and kids 15 and under are admitted at no charge. There are also a variety of premium seating ticket options available online in advance for a discount.

Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and additional information are available at [www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow).

The mission of the Yankee Air Museum, a non-profit 501c3 organization, is to preserve Southeast Michigan's rich history of aviation and to educate the public about that history.

The museum, featuring aviation displays, historic aircraft, meeting rooms, and a gift shop is open every Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional information about the Yankee Air Museum is available at [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org).

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# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Special Election to be held on May 7, 2013 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on April 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road  
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk, at 734-461-6201.

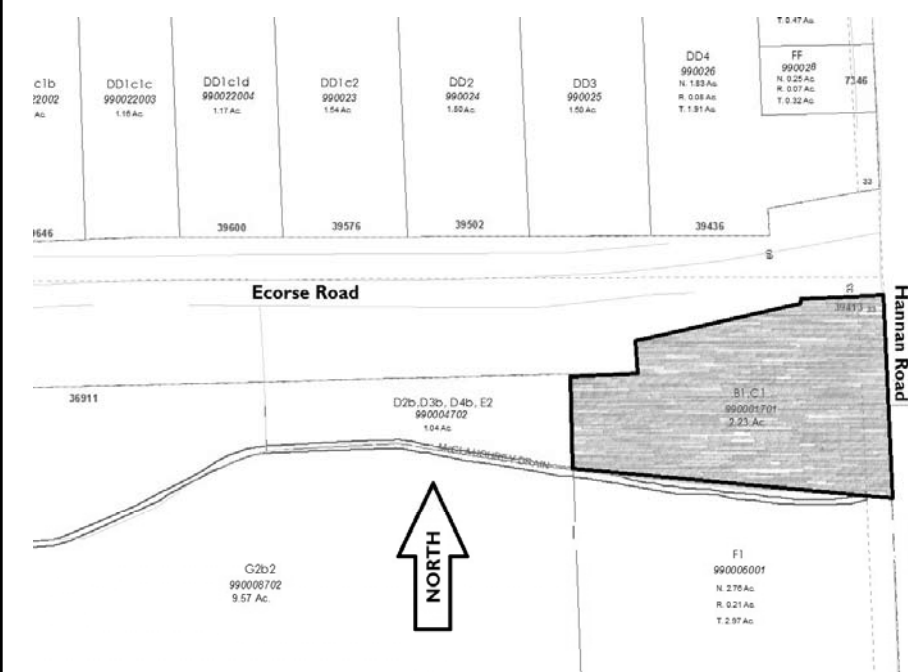
Publish April 25, 2013

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a rezoning request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-045-99-0001-701 is the subject parcel of this request. This parcel is located at the southwest corner of Ecorse and Hannan Roads.



The applicant, Ecorse and Hannan Development LLC, is requesting the rezoning of 2.23 acres of property currently zoned C Local Business and AG Agricultural to be rezoned as C-1 General Business. Section 18.07 of the Township Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as Amended, governs these requests. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m. of the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Published: April 25, 2013

# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## FREE TIRE RECYCLING

Sumpter Township in conjunction with Wayne County is having a FREE tire recycling & electronics drop off. SUMPTER RESIDENTS ONLY limit 7 passenger tires on May 4, 2013 from 9 am to 1 pm. Drop off is at 23480 Sumpter, Belleville, MI. Drive all the way to the back. Electronics drop off for Computers, monitors, printers, TV's, etc. Questions call 734-461-6201.

Publish April 25, 2013, May 2, 2013

# Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township is seeking applications for a full time working Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Department. Must have an S-1 or S-2 State of Michigan Certificate, High School Education or GED Equivalent, Chauffeurs License, Excellent driving record. An outstanding benefit package includes full family health, dental and optical insurance. Submit resume and Application to Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at Sumpter Township Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 461-6201 no later than May 1, 2013. E.O.E.

Publish: April 18 & 25, 2013

# Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Van Buren Public Schools (District) will receive sealed bids for:

## GLASS AND GLAZING REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Bids must be delivered no later than 2:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the Administration Building located at 555 West Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan 48111. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 p.m. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered, or accepted.

Beginning Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. bid documents can be obtained by accessing the following email:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/PublicFolderView.aspx?FolderID={4b817c8b-a888-4c35-ba88-32b66c86f65d}>

Please contact LaMerra Hobbs at [lamerra.hobbs@plantemoran.com](mailto:lamerra.hobbs@plantemoran.com) with any questions you may have with regard to retrieving the RFP information.

All bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting with the District on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Administration Building located at 555 West Columbia Ave., Belleville, Michigan.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of 3 comparable glass and glazing replacement projects each with contract values in excess of \$100,000 within the last five (5) years.
- Must be technically and financially capable to execute a project of size and complexity described in the Bid Documents as a Special Lite contractor
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the District and must be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to the District for the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All bids must be accompanied by a familial disclosure statement. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, and a familial disclosure statement WILL BE REJECTED.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the District's interest.

Publish: April 18, 2013; April 25, 2013

## Public Notice

### Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public School Academy:

Keystone-47925 Bemis,  
Belleville-734-697-9470  
May 9, 6:00pm

Copies of the Budget for the listed Public School Academy will be available at the school office.

Publish: April 25, 2013

## School Board

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Moffitt on the Budget Amendments for the 2012-13 fiscal year, which the board approved. The general fund budget is \$47,049,504.

The new fund balance is \$1,005,694 and Board Vice President Martha Toth said while that is only 2.2% of the budget, just two years ago the district had to put together a deficit budget plan. She said the revenue is down 11% and spending is down 12%.

Toth said that people worked hard to get the budget in shape.

In other business at Monday's meeting,

the board:

- Heard a report from Paul Wills of Plante Moran CRESA on \$1,579,440 in summer projects that will be paid for by the sinking fund. As soon as students are out of the buildings for the summer the projects will begin, he said. On the list of projects: new roof at Owen (approved low bid was Superior Services of Lansing for \$293,330); upgrading ceilings and lights in four classrooms each at Owen and McBride; glass and glazing at McBride, Owen, Tyler and Savage; parking lot and nine new security entrances at McBride; 20 extra parking spaces at Edgemont and 30 at Rawsonville. The sinking fund was approved by voters in November 2008 and brings in up to \$1.5 million per year to reduce the strain on the general fund for building repairs and the like;

- Heard an update from Special Services Supervisor Karen Johnston and Director of Instruction Diane Kullis on next fall's use of Haggerty Elementary School for the Early Childhood Development Center and a Latchkey program (K.C. Childcare) for ECDC program participants. The board was told the Transition Program for special education students age 18 and older, also planned for the building, will be separated from the ECDC children by a door. All interior rooms will be used this year because the Fire Marshal said extra exits are needed for the outside rooms, if used. The big and small toilets will be switched around to be appropriate for the ECDC and adult users in the building. The current ECDC playground equipment will be brought over since what's there is too large. A fence will be installed, "... so if there are any runners, we don't have to chase them down Haggerty," Kullis said. An open house will be held when everything is in place for Haggerty's new use;

- Heard a presentation by Assistant Principal Andy Comb on the first year of the 7/8 model of education at McBride Middle School, ending up with, "I think McBride had a great first year" Frazier added, "Anyone sending their children to a charter school is making a mistake";

- Heard a report by Director of Instruction Kullis on a recent Parent Survey of 664 participants that showed most parents are very satisfied with their children's education and school. Kullis said she was surprised that parents indicated they would rather get their information in phone calls than by Facebook. Sixty-eight percent of BHS parents gave the school A's and B's and 73% at McBride gave those grades. The other schools graded by numbers, like those students are graded;

- Approved the requested terminations of BHS counselor Paul Smith after 40 years, for retirement; McBride teacher Ron Stokes after 25 years, retirement; Tim Ottewell from McBride after 24 years, retirement; and BHS teachers Angela Martin, after seven years, and Doris Birchmeier, after two years, both for relocation;

- Approved the requested terminations for support staff members: Ronald Small, custodial/maintenance, after 22 years, retirement as of July 12; Rose Griffin, food

service worker, retirement after 15 years, as of April 16; McBride secretary Dorothy Peters, retirement after 13 years, as of May 1; and Constance Frank, food service worker, after two years for relocation as of May 1;

- Heard a parent announce that Owen school went into lockdown on Monday and the problem was resolved with no issues, but she didn't get informed appropriately by the Edulink program now in use. The highly regarded Honeywell service had been severed. Van Tassel said Honeywell cost a lot of money and they are working at getting it back by fall, hoping RESA will help with funding;

- Heard Connie Testorelli give a report on events at BHS, including the musical Hairspray being put on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The Van Buren Education Foundation is holding a Mexican food fundraiser on Saturday at the school in conjunction with the musical; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss contract negotiations.

The next regular meeting of the board will be May 13. The agenda will include sinking fund projects and the Wayne RESA budget approval.

## Distinguished

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**Frederick Dunaycazn, Class of 1960 (Posthumous Award):** Northern Michigan University, B.A. Education, Western Michigan University, M.A. Audio/Visual Media; teacher at the middle, high school and university levels; business owner of The Galley, a sandwich shop; coached baseball and was a board member for Knights of Columbus; supporter of the Children's Center in the Philippines; collected charitable donations for programs including Heating Assistance Program, helped with Meals on Wheels; was an active member of the Portage Eagles and the American Legion.

## BHS offers free jazz concert with UM prof. at 7:30 p.m., May 2

At 7:30 p.m., May 2, the Belleville High School Jazz Band will perform a free jazz concert with Ellen Rowe, Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of Michigan.

The concert will take place in the BHS Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

The ensemble will play two of Rowe's selections as well as a variety of selections from its recent performance at the State Jazz Festival.

Rowe, an accomplished pianist, is also writing a musical composition for this group over the summer.

For more information, contact Mike Campbell at 734.697.9133, ext. 2140 or email [mcampbell@vanburenschools.net](mailto:mcampbell@vanburenschools.net).

and Son Bowl will be held at Lodge Lanes; on Wednesdays, April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup> for ages 5 through 15 Van Buren Township's "The Voice" and for ages 6 through 14 Lights, Camera, Action "Acting for Kidz". For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921 or check the Township's website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

Clerk Wright announced new voter ID cards will be mailed on April 19<sup>th</sup> to voters who reside in precincts 2, 6 and 8 to update voting location as approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The changes are Precinct 2 - Fire Station 2 on Belleville Road will move to Wayne County Community College; Precinct 6 - Fire Station 1 Sumpter/Hull Road will move to a second precinct at Belleville High School; Precinct 8 will move back to Haggerty School. If you have questions contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909 and information regarding voting is also on the Township's website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) under Clerk's Department.

Trustee Miller announced St. Vincent DePaul 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Basketball benefit tournament between Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Police and Fire Departments on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at Belleville High School Gymnasium.

Clerk Wright announced Van Buren Township annual Shred Day will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Treasurer Budd announced the Drive-In Dog Clinic and More will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind township hall. A PowerPoint slide presentation showing the May 11<sup>th</sup> activities as follows: Veterinarian services/Dog licenses; Rain Barrel sale; Yard Waste stickers; Recycling stickers; register for a smoke detector; Landfill Passes; Van Buren Park Passes; Goodfellows Canned Food Drive and Child Car Seat Inspections. For more information regarding this event call 734-699-8903 or check the Township's website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 7:59 p.m. to 8:01 p.m. by a resident regarding the St. Vincent DePaul 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Basketball benefit tournament between Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Police and Fire Departments noting St. Vincent DePaul assists the less fortunate residents in the Belleville Area.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor  
Publish: April 25, 2013

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee McClanahan (excused). Others in attendance: Assessment Coordinator Stevenson, Interim Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifteen (15).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business Item #2 "Consider approval of the revision of the Independent Contractor Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Robert C. Brandmier." and New Business Item #3 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2013-07 and approve the amendments to the Assessing Budget." Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes April 1, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 2, 2013; Voucher List of April 16, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the requested budget amendments for the Planning and Building Department reallocating \$27,900 from Contract Services to assign an additional \$14,800 to Director Salary, \$11,000 to Fringes and \$2,100 to Capital Outlay. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Jahr, Hart, Budd and Combs. Nays: Wright. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the revision of the Independent Contractor Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Robert C. Brandmier and to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2013-07 pulling away from Wayne County Assessing and Equalization and turning that duty over to Robert C. Brandmier and to approve the amendments to the Assessing Budget as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor Combs announced the following Recreation events and classes: On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> the annual Mother

## UAW-Ford, United Way aid Belleville resident by building a ramp

A team of local UAW-Ford workers, working in cooperation with United Way, made a Belleville resident's life much better last week, by giving her a way out of the house and into everyday life.

The UAW-Ford Community Service project built a ramp at the home of Janet and Paul Cook on Santa Clara Street in the City of Belleville.

This project was coordinated and staffed by UAW-Ford, under the direction of UAW Vice-President Jimmy Settles and Ford vice presidents Marty Malloy and Jim Tetreault, who have together made service to the community a top priority for the UAW and Ford Motor Company.

The ramp will give Mrs. Cook the ability to do things most people take for granted, like going shopping, going to the doctor, or just going outside and into her yard.

"It's great to lend a hand to help make someone's life better," said Sheila Pedersen, of UAW Local 898 and Washtenaw United Way.

"The reward is in making a better community and seeing the smile on someone's face when they get in and out of their home unassisted".

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	2	5
	3	5
	4	3
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	K	5
	1	6
	2	5
	3	3
Renton Junior High	4	5
	5	2
	6	10
	7	4
	8	1
Huron High School	9	10
	10	5
	11	5
	12	10

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

**Sunday, April 14:**  
0315 – assault & battery, 2033 Rawsonville Rd., Denny’s  
0718 – missing person, 10800 Buchanan St.  
1458 – assault & battery, 284 Holly Ln.  
1550 – animal bite, 44035 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1922 – larceny, 11695 Meadows Lane  
2114 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 10819 Oak Lane

2351 – private property accident, 48511 S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Monday, April 15:**  
0206 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville  
0657 – narcotics crime, Tyler/Walden Blvd.  
1149 – fraud, 10760 Belleville, McDonald’s  
1152 – fraud, 2193 Rawsonville, McDonald’s  
1459 – intimidation threat, 9838 Jackson St.  
1641 – juvenile complaint, 2 Oak Blvd.  
1717 – malicious destruction of property, 17255 Renton Rd.  
1825 – harassment call, 8839 Parkwood Dr.  
1827 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Van Born  
1933 – noise complaint, Green Meadows  
2332 – disorderly conduct, 9244 Parkwood Dr.

**Tuesday, April 16:**  
0805 – intimidation threat, 7477 Rawsonville Rd.  
0855 – property damage accident, Van Born / Belleville Rd.  
1033 – fraud, 9645 Belleville Rd., TCF Bank  
1059 – trespassing, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1256 – retail fraud, 2033 Rawsonville Rd., Denny’s  
1522 – harassment call, 1016 Roulo St.  
1629 – suicide or attempt, 6730 Rogers Ave.  
1639 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1739 – property damage accident, Hull/Sumpter  
1841 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.  
1912 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Morton Taylor  
2043 – suicide or attempt, 23 Oak Blvd.

**Wednesday, April 17:**  
0025 – larceny, 6747 Rogers Ave.  
0043 – missing person, 9805 Van Buren St.  
1058 – larceny, 10871 Quirk Rd.  
1450 – private property accident, J&T Towing  
1518 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1538 – fraud, Walmart  
1540 – ordinance violation, 51000 Michigan  
1725 – property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.

1817 – malicious destruction of property, 49050 Denton Rd.  
1846 -- property damage accident, Hannan/S. I-94 Service Dr.

2109 – agency assist, 167 Fourth, library  
**Thursday, April 18:**  
0324 – water leak found, 12001 Quirk Rd.  
0953 – private property accident, 287 Industrial  
1022 – assault & battery, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.  
1327 – agency assist, 733 Breakwater  
1538 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler  
1650 – juvenile complaint, 6528 Outer Dr.

1809 – property damage accident, 2193 Rawsonville  
1830 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse  
2016 – fraud, 9701 Belleville, Meijer  
2100 – assault & battery, 15801 Haggerty  
2224 – assault & battery, 46141 Village Green Ln.

**Friday, April 19:**  
0130 – assault & battery, 15801 Haggerty Rd.  
0137 – noise complaint, 41470 E. Archwood Dr.  
0422 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 39982 Huron River Dr.  
0625 – malicious destruction of property, 48561 Denton Rd.  
0727 – malicious destruction of property, 48880 Denton Rd.  
0930 – property damage accident, West Lake Cr.  
1126 – malicious destruction of property, 48511 Denton Rd.  
1212 – larceny from auto, 48611 Denton Rd.  
1214 – larceny from auto, 13559 Christina Ln.  
1337 – malicious destruction of property, 48691

Denton Rd.  
1430 – fraud, 11000 Belleville Rd., Wendy’s  
1512 – PPO violation, 29 maple Dr.  
1644 – malicious destruction of property, 32 Oak Blvd.  
1711 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Square  
1828 – juvenile complaint, 11679 Meadows Ln.  
1845 – fraud, 10930 Belleville, Taco Bell  
1902 – disorderly conduct, 45601 S. I-94 Service  
1959 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 12475 Martinsville  
2013 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor / Tyler  
2028 – mental, 46145 Village Green Ln.  
2049 – fraud, Walmart  
2102 – fraud, 44546 Greenbriar Ct.  
2237 – juvenile complaint, Stonebridge Ct./E.

Walden Dr.  
2240 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 42371 N. I-94 Service Dr.

**Saturday, April 20:**  
0127 – assault & battery, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0158 – noise complaint, 41472 E. Archwood Dr.  
0207 – disorderly conduct, 45707 S. I-94 Service  
0309 – suspicious situation, Haggerty/RR tracks  
0421 – breaking & entering, 41547 Van Born  
0431 – assault & battery, 48611 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0927 – trespassing, 14203 Red Oak Dr.  
1133 – malicious destruction of property, 10116 Van Buren St.

1312 – E-911 hangup/investigation, 6060 Dellor  
1800 – property damage accident, 5957 Vernon St.  
1929 – noise complaint, 6542 Outer Dr.  
2002 – assault & battery, 11086 Oak Ln.  
2137 – juvenile complaint, 42067 McBride  
2205 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2314 – property damage accident, Michigan / Ecorse

2339 – assault & battery, 6183 Truman  
2359 – breaking & entering, 9201 Parkwood Dr.  
Also on this week’s log are 281 traffic stops, 71 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 14:**  
0039 – fraud, Bayou Grill  
9123 – parking complaint, 221 Belle Villa Blvd.  
0138 – parking complaint, 464 E. Waterbury Ct.  
0144 – parking complaint, 320 Oxford  
0146 – suspicious situation, Belle Plaza  
0808 – malicious destruction of property, 228 N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1414 – parking complaint, 606 Thornhill Ct/  
1448 – animal complaint, 237 Victorian Ln.  
1552 – intimidation threat, 6 Main St.  
1631 – ordinance violation, 237 Victorian Ln.  
1708 – family trouble, 83 Wexford Ave.  
1806 – harassment call, 6 Main St.  
2042 – neighbor trouble, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.

**Monday, April 15:**  
0030 – vehicle lockout, 25 Main St.  
0425 – property check, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0536 – suspicious situation, 25 Main St.  
1006 – miscellaneous complaint, 606 Thornhill Ct.  
1236 – property damage accident, South St./W.

Davis St.  
2045 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park  
2354 – suspicious person, 584 Main St.

**Tuesday, April 16:**  
0041 – assist fire dept., 6 Main St.  
0207 – parking complaint, 229 Belle Villa  
0308 – suspicious vehicle, 575 Sumpter Rd.  
0806 – larceny, 501 W. Columbia Ave., BHS  
1218 – assist fire dept., 57 Loza Lane  
1314 – trespassing, 14 Loza Lane  
1423 – miscellaneous complaint, 125 S. Edgemont Ave., Edgemont Elementary  
1441 – follow up, 32 Loza Lane  
1540 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court

1859 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Edgemont  
2003 – serve warrant, 308 Oxford Ct.  
2318 – vehicle lockout, 25 Main St.

**Wednesday, April 17:**  
0051 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.

0253 – suspicious situation, 25 Main St.  
0838 – private property accident, Owens Intermediate School  
0939 – assist fire dept., 230 Henry St.  
1012 – suspicious person, 36 Main St.  
1024 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court  
1413 – miscellaneous complaint, 246 Bay Pointe  
1413 – suspicious person, Village Park  
1608 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.  
1732 – intrusion alarm, 300 Sumpter  
1817 – miscellaneous complaint, Fifth/Main  
2032 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.  
2104 – disorderly conduct, 167 Fourth St., library  
2111 – property damage accident, 565 Main St.  
2223 – suspicious vehicle, 156 Belle Villa Blvd.  
2307 – intrusion alarm, 435 Victorian Lane

**Thursday, April 18:**  
0016 – assist fire dept., 2 San Carlos St.  
1053 – assist fire dept., 871 Sumpter Rd.  
1205 – parking complaint, Fifth/Main  
1306 – intrusion alarm, 733 Breakwater Dr.  
1415 – vehicle lockout, 440 Light Tower Ct.  
1418 – assault & battery, BHS  
1428 – disturbance, 509 N. Liberty St.  
1505 – juvenile complaint, Owen Intermediate  
1640 – assist fire dept., 140 Church St.  
2327 – suspicious vehicle, 46488 Denton Rd.

**Friday, April 19:**  
1319 – parking complaint, 25 Fifth St.  
1356 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter Rd.  
1415 – property damage accident, Chase Bank

**Saturday, April 20:**  
0209 – agency assist, Super 8  
0854 – assist fire dept., 110 Henry St.  
1153 – civil matter, 6 Main St.  
1342 – animal complaint, 22 Carmell St.  
1356 – assist fire dept., 68 Wabash Ave.  
1616 – agency assist, 401 Estrada  
2008 – vehicle repossession, 359 N. Liberty St.  
2212 – suspicious situation, Main/Second

Also on this week’s log are 71 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 14:**  
0416 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Sully  
0946 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1023 – larceny, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1227 – well-being check, 2000 bl. Sherwood  
1330 – larceny, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1859 – open burning, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1952 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2112 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.  
2149 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

**Monday, April 15:**  
0407 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.  
0807 – assault, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0922 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Judd  
1204 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1352 – juvenile complaint, Edgewood  
1400 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1514 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
1623 – assault, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1629 – property damage accident, 7100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1637 – shots fired, Willow/Sherwood  
1641 – fraud complaint, Utah  
1754 – breaking & entering, Rustic Lane  
1803 – larceny, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1950 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood  
1952 – suspicious person, Ohio  
1954 – 911 hangup, New Mexico  
2003 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2128 – follow-up investigation, California/New Mexico  
2137 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Wescott Dr.

**Tuesday, April 16:**  
0040 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0103 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0902 – disorderly person, 2300 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1554 – trespassing complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

**Wednesday, April 17:**  
1026 – civil dispute, Colorado  
1318 – animal complaint, Bontekoe/Bohn  
1531 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1651 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2152 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

**Thursday, April 18:**  
1012 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood  
1112 – fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1205 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1212 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1323 – well-being check, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1346 – alarm, Knollwood  
1415 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1547 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1804 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

**Friday, April 19:**  
0057 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis  
1320 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1516 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1537 – dumping complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville  
1542 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1552 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
2117 – larceny, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2203 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2243 – 911 hangup/investigation, Redwood

**Saturday, April 20:**  
0131 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1206 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 31 miscellaneous details, 117 patrol checks, and 55 traffic stops.

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## They're reading the Independent everywhere

Army Sgt. Michael Moore and his son Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Moore of Belleville read their *Independent* in Afghanistan. LCpl. Moore graduated from Belleville High School in 2011. Father and son were deployed within the same few months of each other and happened to be on the same base. They were able to take this picture 2 weeks ago before Lcpl. Moore returned back to California where he is stationed with the Marines. Heather Moore, wife and mother of the military twosome, said they are still awaiting Sgt. Moore's return home. The paper is from last year and this was the first time they were able to get a picture with it, she said. You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

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## Young Life 5K Fun Run and Walk set for May 4 at Van Buren Park

The Belleville Area Young Life has set its Fun Run/Walk for Saturday, May 4, at Van Buren Park.

All walkers and runners are invited to the 5K Run/Walk to compete for prizes and support an organization that is making an impact on young people in the Belleville area.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and a 1K race for kids will begin at 8:30 a.m.

At 9 a.m. the 5K race begins.

The registration fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. Proceeds from the event will benefit Belleville Young Life and the students being reached in the community.

Van Buren Park is located at 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive, just east of Dunham's Sports in the Kmart shopping center.

For more information on the race and to register go to [www.bellevillyounglife.org](http://www.bellevillyounglife.org) or call Tabitha Pinter at (734) 732-8857 or Susan Walker at (734) 250-0485.

Young Life, a worldwide Christian outreach organization for teenagers, has been at work with young people in Belleville for the last two years – being available to middle-school and high-school students, providing fun, safe and comfortable gatherings, giving students the right to be heard, and communicating God's love in terms these students can understand.

Young Life is mainly a volunteer-led organization worldwide and the Belleville Young Life is no exception.

The organization wouldn't exist in Belleville if it weren't for the more than 20 adult volunteers.

The Young Life volunteer leaders and committee members are currently reaching out to students at Belleville High School, McBride Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, Arbor Prep, and Keystone

Academy.

Through weekly meetings called "club," small groups, summer camps, weekend excursions, and one-on-one time with kids, Young Life leaders build relationships with teenagers and model God's love.

Young Life has a long legacy of effective work with kids and a reputation for excellence among adults worldwide. Since 1941, Young Life has been making a difference in the lives of kids around the world, because it is supported by adults who care about kids in their community.

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This combination of local support, proven methods, and organizational strength allows Young Life to thrive locally in more than 75 countries, with more than 3,000 staff and 30,000 volunteers, and reaching more than a million kids each year with the life-changing message of God's love for them.

## Time to sign up for annual Baby Contest at Sumpter Country Fest

The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its 2013 Cutest Baby Boy and Baby Girl Contest on Memorial Day week end, May 24-27, as part of the annual Sumpter Country Fest.

The contest is open to the residents of Sumpter and neighboring communities and babies from newborn through age three are eligible.

To enter a child, submit a picture up to 5x7" in size with an application form to Sumpter Township Hall, Attn: Baby Contest, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 461-6201. Participants are asked to get their pictures and applications in as soon as possible and no later than May 20.

Application forms are available at the township hall and at numerous places of business throughout the area, including the *Belleville-Area Independent* at 152 Main St., Suite 9, Belleville.

If you have questions about the contest or would like an application form mailed to you, call chairwoman Joanne Posegay at (734) 697-0639.

Pictures will be displayed in the festival pavilion during the festival and winners will be determined by the total points collected. A \$1 donation to the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will equal 10 points. The contest ends at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 27. Winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m. at the pavilion.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place winners in the boys' and girls' categories. A trophy also will be presented along with a studio certificate for the most "Photogenic Baby" chosen by Photography by Shannon of Belleville.

A trophy cup will be presented to the baby chosen "Cutie Pie" of 2013. Each of the entrants will receive a ribbon for participation and a toy stuffie.

"Whether you are at the festival to support your favorite baby picture or just want to visit our contest display, please stop by and say, 'Hello,' Posegay said.

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